

Tani-Junell Herbert

Direct Phone: 202.414.9203

Email: therbert@reedsmith.com

Reed Smith LLP 1301 K Street, N.W. Suite 1100 – East Tower Washington, D.C. 20005-3373 202.414.9200 Fax 202.414.9299

March 11, 2004

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RE:

New U.S. Patent Application

Filed: Herewith

Title: CATALYST AND METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF CHLOROFORM AND

CHLORINATED PARAFFINS

Inventors: Vladimir V. Smirnov, Irina G. Tarkhanova, Svetlana M. Nevskaya, and Vladimir M. Zelikman

Attorney Docket No.: 0348-0001

I. Enclosures:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

- a. A specification containing:
 - (i) 12 pages of description;
 - (ii) 5 pages of claims (30 claims);
 - (iii) 1 page of Abstract
- b. 2 sheets of drawings: (2 Figures).
- 1. Two (2) return post cards.

II. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Applicants respectfully await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for paying the fees and filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney.

LONDON + NEW YORK + LOS ANGELES + SAN FRANCISCO + WASHINGTON, D.C. + PHILADELPHIA + PITTSBURGH + OAKLAND + PRINCETON FALLS CHURCH + WILMINGTON + NEWARK + MIDLANDS, U.K. + CENTURY CITY + RICHMOND + HARRISBURG + LEESBURG + WESTLAKE VILLAGE

Commissioner for Patents March 11, 2004 Page 2

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached post cards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other prepaid postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial serial number and returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Foni-Junell Herbert

Reg. No. 34,348

Date: 3/11/04